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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application: Cuomo et al.

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Filed: July 28, 2000

Examiner: Mauro Jr., Thomas J.

For: Method and Apparatus for
Affinity of Users to Application
Servers

Attorney Docket No.: RSW9-2000-0090-US1

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

No fees are believed to be required. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0461. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0461.

In response to the Office Action dated September 15, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Listing of Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.